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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
VIA: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
FROM: [REDACTED]
Director, Intelligence Community Staff
SUBJECT: DCI Intelligence Reaction Team

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1. The events of the last few days have reconfirmed my own personal views that I have held for some time regarding the need for you to have much more flexibility in your ability to respond to crises throughout the world. On Tuesday morning I mentioned to you that you should have your own "Delta Force."

2. I had recommended that you develop a capability to have a group of professional intelligence officers completely dedicated to rapid response for crises wherever they might occur. In my opinion, these should not be personnel who are assigned to this task as a coincidental duty, but more along the lines of Delta Force or Marine Amphibious Ready Group that can deploy on a moment's notice into an area where additional all-source intelligence is needed as quickly as possible. [REDACTED]

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3. I believe that the mood of Congress is such that a unique initiative such as this on your part would be well received. The increase in worldwide terrorism is going to continue to spread, and we should have every capability possible to respond to this threat.

4. We have this item on our agenda for discussion at the Off-Site Conference next week. You may wish to explore this idea further with the senior officials present.

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